

error management means [is] equipped with an error check code generation section for generating new error check codes corresponding to the writable medium.

Please ADD new claims 9 and 10 as follows:

6--9. (NEW) A software reproduction apparatus for reproducing encrypted or non-encrypted software data received via an input route including a storage medium and by communications with a remote source, and for executing monetary charges according to the usage of the software comprising:

input switchover means for selecting an input route according to the type of medium or communications;

software management means for decoding encrypted software data and for managing monetary charges according to the usage of the software data;

data conversion means for converting decoded data outputted from said software management means to output data for the user;

output route switchover means for receiving encrypted data from said input switchover means and outputting the encrypted data to said software management means, and for receiving non-encrypted software data from said input switchover means and outputting the non-encrypted software data for said data conversion section;

drive apparatus for installing a writable medium;

writing means for writing, on said medium, encrypted software data obtained from the said input route prior to the output of the encrypted software data to said software management means; and

a means for reading encrypted software data written on said medium.

10. (NEW) A software reproduction apparatus for reproducing encrypted or non-encrypted software data received via an input route including a storage medium

3 and by communications with a remote source, and for executing monetary charges  
4 according to the usage of the software comprising:

5 signal processing means for performing unique signal processing based on the  
6 input route of the software data; and

7 error processing means for conducting error processing based on the input  
8 route;

9 input switchover means for selecting an input route, said input switchover  
10 means comprising:

11 first switchover means for outputting encrypted and non-encrypted  
12 software data to said signal processing means and;

13 second switchover means for receiving the output from  
14 said signal processing means and directing the output of said signal  
15 processing means to said error processing means;

16 software management means for decoding encrypted software data and for  
17 managing monetary charges according to the usage of the software data;

18 data conversion means for converting decoded data outputted from said  
19 software management means to output data offered to the user;

20 output route switchover means for receiving encrypted data from said input  
21 switchover means and outputting the encrypted data to said software management  
22 means, and for receiving non-encrypted software data from said input switchover  
23 means and outputting the non-encrypted software data to said data conversion  
24 section;

25 drive apparatus for installing a writable medium;

26 writing means for writing on said writable medium encrypted software data  
27 obtained from the said input route prior to its output to said software management  
28 means; and

29 a means for reading encrypted software data written on said medium.--